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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5948

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY-77 COMMERCIAL BUDGET REQUEST

REF: STATE 175924

1. POST RECEIVED NO FUNDS FROM THE COMMERCIAL BUDGET IN FY-75 AND HAS NOT YET RECEIVED NOTIFICATION REGARDING FY-76 REQUEST (BANGUI 0770 DATED 2 JULY 1974). THE FOLLOWING SUMS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN EXPANDING AND IMPROVING EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS IN FY-77.

2. ASSUMING THAT PLANS FOR A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER DO NOT MATERIALIZE IN FY-77, \$2000 WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A QUALITY LOCAL PRODUCT. EMBASSY'S CURRENT NEWSLETTER WAS STARTED AS AN EXPERIMENT USING MATERIALS LEFT BEHIND WHEN USIS BANGUI WAS CLOSED IN 1971. THESE MATERIALS SUCH AS PAPER, INK, STENCILS, ARE NOW NEARLY EXHAUSTED, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE CONTINUED WITHOUT BUDGETARY SUPPORT.

3. US BUSINESSMEN VISITING THE CAR ALMOST ALWAYS CALL AT EMBASSY TO SEE AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER. POST ATTEMPTS TO FACILITATE LOCAL CONTACTS CONDUCIVE TO AMERICAN INVESTMENTS AND SALES. REQUEST \$500 TO HELP SUPPORT THESE REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

4. TO FACILITATE THE TRAVEL OF THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THE CAR WHERE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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FOR THE SALE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL TIMBER AND MINING

EQUIPMENT EXIST THE POST REQUESTS \$300.

5. IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY THE
POSTS REQUESTS \$500. FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE
OF PUBLICATIONS DISPLAY RACKS, AND FILING CABINETS.

6. TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$3300.SWING

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